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Response to Amendment

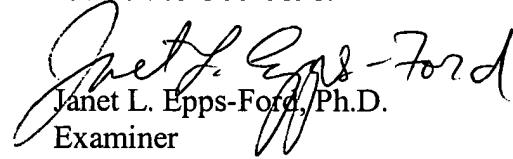
1. The reply filed on 10-20-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have submitted a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 to overcome the pending art rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a). Although the Declaration appears to address the pending art rejections, the Declaration appears to be incomplete to the extent that on page 2 of the Declaration, Applicants make reference to Exhibits B-X, however the submission filed 10-20-03 contained only exhibits A-C. Additionally, Applicants are requested to supply a clean copy of all claims pending in the application to facilitate the preparation of this application for allowance. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-308-8883. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John L. LeGuyader can be reached on 703-308-0447. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.


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